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For: A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF COPPER HILLOCKS

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 3 sheets of drawing(s) - formal.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to **Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company**
- ☐ An associate power of attorney ☐ Applicant claims small entity status
- ☒ Request & Certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(b)(i)

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A Solution To The Problem  
of Copper Hillocks

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